STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 30, 2026

Introduced by Sen. BOTTCHER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the judiciary law, in relation to service by former housing court judges of the New York city civil court as judicial hearing officers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 850 of the judiciary law, as amended by chapter 21 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

1. Subject to the provisions of subdivision three of this section and to rules of the chief administrator of the courts, any person who has served as a **state-paid** judge or justice of a court [~~of record~~] of the unified court system or [~~of a city court which is not a court of record~~] **as a housing judge of the housing part of the civil court of the city of New York**, but who no longer holds [~~judicial office~~] **any of such offices**, may, upon [~~his~~] application, be designated by the chief administrator as a judicial hearing officer upon a determination by the chief administrator (a) that the former judge has the mental and physical capacity to perform the duties of such office, and (b) that the services of that former judge are necessary to expedite the business of the courts.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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